

Regular/Public

October 7, 2019

Council President Baker called the regular meeting to order. Pastor Chuck Davis, Calvary Assembly of God, led the prayer. The pledge was recited.

Roll call: Shupp, Wilson, Aspiras Jr., Hamsher, Aspiras Sr., Corfman and Lorson were present.

Council minutes of regular meeting held September 16, 2019, were presented for approval. Corfman moved to approve the minutes as posted. Aspiras Jr. seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Public Comments - None

Standing Committee Reports – None

Special Committee Reports – None

Administrative Reports

Mayor Handwerk: October employee of the month is Robert “Bert” Graham from the Electric Distribution Department. He was hired as a Line worker III March 28, 2018. Previously Robert was employed by Wadsworth Utilities as a Crew Chief in their electrical distribution department. He brings several years of experience with him along with great electrical and mechanical skills. He and his wife Carolyn have 3 daughters. Bert has many interests outside work as well. He enjoys welding, fabricating, and helping friends out with projects. On the weekends he enjoys camping with his family, and friends at Prairie Lane Park. He has been a great addition to our distribution department.

Council’s approval was sought for replacement Design Review Board member Steve Seifried as Steve Snyder resigned. Aspiras Sr. motioned to approve; second by Corfman; all yeas; motion carried.

The Orrville Firefighters were featured in the October issue of the nationwide magazine The Municipal. The article spoke about all they do for Orrville and the 4th of July celebration.

The monument dedication is scheduled for October 17 at 12:30 pm and should last about half an hour. The public is invited to attend and the ceremony will be out front of City Hall.

A proclamation was read for this week being Public Power Week.

Happy Birthday this Saturday to Council President Lyle Baker.

Safety Service Department Director Wheeler: Asphalt street project paving is complete. The ODOT East Pine Street project is complete. The ODOT Main Street is complete. Ongoing is the OPWC West High Street project. The ADA ramps and curbs will be worked on over the next couple of weeks. October 21, the intersection of Crown Hill and High will be converted into concrete due to the high truck traffic. The Vine Street concrete portion is completed and the hump has been evened out. The asphalt overlay, mill and fill, should go quickly once they get started.

Utilities Director Brediger: Public Power Week and the value of local ownership and local control brings value and benefit to our customers and community by economic development and lower rates. On behalf of the electric department employees that serve our over 6400 residential customers and 900 industrial and commercial customers, we thank the community for their support.

There are a lot of commercials on HB6. Just a reminder that this bill does not affect any Orrville utility customers. We are not bankrolling any state subsidizing. Our customers do not pay into anything related to that bill. We are totally immune, totally exempt of that.

Corfman announced that the AMP board has a new chairman of the board which is our Utility Director Jeff Brediger.

Hamsher brought up the live solar field production output web link. There will be an article in the OrrViews and a link from the utility website. It is real time data with interactive software.

Finance Director Strimlan: No report

